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Stop the Mouth of Sedition

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The mouth of sedition should be shut

raised here at home, to discourage others is the only question before the people of may grind our teeth in secret and perhaps from going with him, they to back him and this country just now. he to back them, and so to make their mighty work a success at the least sacrifice to any, increases the chance, already considerable, and me. I think that that voice ought to

portant to the fathers and mothers of the thousands who marched down Fifth Avenue yesterday and to the parents of the hundreds or his cradled haby, getting a breath of fresh air in the street in front of his house, is safe

I have often heard it remarked that this war is unpopular. What war ever was "popular," except to the greed, lust and ambition of peace, order and liberty? The word "popwhere the principle of individual liberty, the make a home, to go about freely, to do one's lawful business without interit is presented to us to-day.

hustled into barges and then planted straight in the way of bullets and bombs and killing by words alone, but by acts.

we intend to keep things that way. The rea- which their activities called forth. son we are standing these taxes, the reason In view of all these circumstances, it of entertainment. Word comes from the East we are handing guns to our young men, is seems to The Tribune that "The World" that there are to be fewer plays of a serious because, after patience against provocation owes an apology to the suffragists of New nature in the coming season, and the Y. M. unexampled in history, after hopes created York State for a series of editorials which C. A. managers say that the eight million or one day only to be blasted the next, after unjustly and unwarrantably aspersed the so feet of film they are preparing to show in the army cantonments at home and abroad one day only to be busined the next, after proofs that we couldn't believe until proofs loyalty of the million women who are enthat we could no longer doubt, we have at | rolled in the party here. last become convinced that the end for which the German armies were sent against France and Flanders and Russia means not In the budget of the Board of Educatheir conquest only, but ours also means tion provision has been made, at the desire the tired business man, for whose especial that if that end is successful in Europe it is of Presidnt Willcox, for increases in benefit roof garden shows were made. We an everlasting menace to national organiza- pay for young school teachers which are are doing a good deal more thinking than tion and individual liberty everywhere on thoroughly desirable. Instead of begin- usual, and thinking is hard work, as any one

home and to conduct a business, a farm, a profession, to earn a living that will content your wife and educate your children, business, spend years of your life creating point was reached. military equipments and performing mili-tary service in order to be ready to beat tion to the total of the city's budget if the some ravenous beast that is watching for Board of Estimate sanctions it. But there the right time to spring at you? The Ger- can be no question of its wisdom or of All the country seems to have a grudge man people must now get the sense of this; its justice. A school teacher begins work against the old hen just now. Householders at whatever cost to them or us. They are now for the wages of a clerk or stenog- are abusing her because she has quit laying responsible. They don't have to have the rapher of average competency. Her and has brought about a condition of a 40-Hohenzollerns and the German military advancement is strictly limited, no matter cents-a-dozen wholesale egg market, and deal-Hohenzollerns and the German military advancement is strictly limited, no matter autocracy unless they want them, nor unless how fast she may develop in her work or appetite is running to younger and tenderer even preventing free discussion of it; they mean what their godless rulers mean. how valuable her services may become, meat. The fact is that this is what the farm-They are not obliged to have William and That is not precisely the way to attract ers call the moulting season for the old hen, his scheme any more than we have been the best kind of material to the city's ser- and she is taking her annual rest, regardless obliged to have our Presidents, from Washvice. Educational experts know that,
insten to Wilson. No blacksmith ever shed whotever consequences. ington to Wilson. No blacksmith ever shod whatever curriculum the schools may pre- in cases where the home merchants will not s horse, no farmer tilled a field to better sent, the results obtained inevitably de- buy her she is shipped to other markets, and result than is got when our President speaks pend on the quality of the teaching staff. the whole country is being depleted of its the mind of the American people in his answer to the Pope telling the German people And the difficulty to-day is not to get the day may be near at hand when the public that before this war can end the purposes teachers, but to get good teachers, will be glad to get eggs at 50 cents a dozen

for which they have permitted their armies; More and more, with wide opportunities This is a situation which cannot be charged to be sent out must be definitely abandoned.

How perfectly Mr. Wilson said what the the professions, they are going into other of the country and is a practical illustration of the workings of the favorite law of supply lines of endeavor, then school teaching. nation means is proved by the fact that we lines of endeavor than school teaching and demand.

President to enforce this selective draft, well swifter and chance of individual advancewe have allowed him and the Congress to for that. Living costs are skyrocketing; place on our shoulders a tremendous burden the girl with initiative and confidence in of taxes, well knowing that other and greater her knowledge and ability must do the To the Editor of The Tribune. burdens will be added. Now, shall we permit best she can for herself. Good hours, a anybody, big or little, rich or poor, whether long vacation period and certain tenure or Berkman or Goldman, or whatever his in- counterpalance years of toil for small in to-day's issue under the title "Enemies terest, sincere or insincere, to appeal to that wages. fearful risks which is common to us all and in its teaching staff, not material not good

with William the Conqueror and had never vaded Belgium. I don't care what men said York City is to get the brand of teachers stopped until the day when the Germans inand the encroachment of intrenched wealth should be adopted. n the rights of the unprotected poor. I might then have agreed with most of what they said, even though I might not have been able to agree with all they suggested in disarm blood-thirsting patrons and protry now is how to win this war with the maidens from annihilation. How many smallest possible sacrifice of the arms, legs, uplifted arms have been restrained by a Avenue yesterday; of the arms, legs, lives are for the most part sheep in this deof those who are marching from everywhere generate age. Put the rawest oil man throughout the country to points of train- from Oklahoma in one of our palaces-oning and departure for Europe; of the wealth the-American-plan, and he will lose all his and that earns bread and butter to keep them scowling at the hat boy he rapidly achieves in the field and to keep their wives and chil- that negligent, blase gesture with which headed for the French trenches, there to be pendents and those on whom they may have were a decoration into the impudent, measure of success, to maintain these rights the target for German bullets. Every voice to depend, from distress and starvation. That blankety blank, outstretched palm. We by friendly conferences with government of-

man be permitted to say or do a thing that we rest. As for anything as mussy as imperils the success of our cause in this war. | murder, it is quite unthinkable. that he will never come back to his mother Only at the risk of his life should any man be permitted to say things or do things that vention, however, and beyond even tenfor democracy." Those of us who are over what a sweet natured side the little port of any step that the President will take like to think that American business has what much or little I can do for its swift color our point of view even if it does not extermination. LEMUEL ELY QUIGG. New York, Aug. 31, 1917.

An Apology Due

On August 28 "The World" declared as

definite and positive action in regard to less than \$4,500 for a year's right to the say "makes the failure inveitable," for it is French or German. disloyalty of their conduct, it cannot es- was in Brooklyn, too. In Manhattan the cape its own share of responsibility for disproportion of the charge to the expense practices that will otherwise cost the suffrage amendment tens of thousands of

nite and positive action in regard to the patrons with equal courtesy. White House pickets. It has condemned their conduct by formal resolutions adopted the restaurant announced its desire of with only one dissenting vote, and that cast on a technicality. It has reaffirmed the loyalty and patriotism of the suffrage dence are subtle. Brooklyn, we guess, and brains and with so little patriotism that workers of this state-loyalty and pa- will not do much better than Manhattan. triotism which have been demonstrated not

to go and our duty to urge them to go? Do represented the women suffragists of this spires to perpetuate it, and the occasional show, for I cannot place the men of finance spires to perpetuate it, and the occasional and brains on so low a level as to think that you suppose that we five millions would permit a handful of men down in Washington seeking enfranchisement, any more than bring him to impale himself upon the born to impose upon us billions of taxes for us the Maximalists represent the great mass withering bayonet glances of a hat room to pay next year if we didn't think they of the Russian people. They have been re- squad dies a lonely and useless death. ought to do it and that we ought to pay? pudiated and their methods have been con-If the war was unpopular, do you suppose demned by national and state leaders of people. that we would leave the manifestation of the suffrage movement. There has not that fact to a rabble on a street corner in been at any time reason for attributing to other suffrage bodies than theirs an atti-Up to now nothing has been allowed to go tude of sympathy and approval for the very far in this country unless it accorded doings of this little group of misguided and the War Work Council of the Young with the will of the people, and the reason zealots, or for undertaking to visit on Men's Christian Association are discovering that we are at war with Germany is because other suffragists the weight of disapproval at about the same time that neither civilians

Increased Pay for Teachers

What is the use of trying to keep up a taining a yearly increase of \$60 until the who are going abroad are busy learning the home and to conduct a business, a farm, a salary becomes \$1,500, they would begin work of the soldier, and the folks at home if you have got to spend half of what your year term. After that their compensation are will comprehend why all labor earns and, to the interruption of your would increase \$60 a year until the \$1,500 try we have the promise of a diet of comedy.

This change, small as it applies to each make the best of it.

have allowed Congress to enact and the where rewards for merit are surer and knowing that others are likely to follow; that ment is greater. They cannot be blamed

instinct of avoidance of great burdens and New York City needs the good material is to be resisted only by a high sense of enough to go elsewhere. This good material must be obtained by meeting market I don't care what anybody said a year ago conditions. The increases in pay for the about England. I might then have agreed young teachers, who are hit hardest by with a whole lot of it, even if he had started the present scale of wages, are frankly an endeavor to meet the competition of business and the professions. If New a year ago about capitalists and money power it should have, not culls, the pew scale

Our Cherished Brigands Various motives doubtless combine to

Beyond the restraining influence of conwhich handicaps Americans in dealing rightly with this problem. That is a sort of national amusement at being done, pro vided the doing is sufficiently neat. We to suppress sedition at home, while my son progressed beyond the days of wooden nutmegs. And for the most part it has. To the Editor of the Tribune. Yet some traditional memory of Yankee shrewdness seems to have lingered on to

The process of separating a diner-out from his hat-check dime has just the fend our democracy. qualities which this national weakness mpudent. Just how impudent the current concerted action. We are at war. lawsuit in Brooklyn discloses. A concessionaire was revealed as offering no hat-check privilege in this café. That

A custom that most Americans take as piece of annoying but amusing trickery The White House pickets have never will be slow in passing. Everybody con-

Entertainment Wanted

(From The Portland Ore,

The theatrical managers of the country nor soldiers want "sob stuff" at their places so feet of film they are preparing to show in Both here and abroad all are working hard People want to be relaxed, not harrowed. The

ning at a yearly salary of \$720 and ob- knows who has tried it. The young fellows

The Old Hen

"Enemies Within"

The Civil Liberties Bureau Does No Indorse All Its Allies

Sir: Our attention has been called to your article on the Civil Liberties Bureau his name is Hearst, or Moore, or Haywood, of office during good behavior cannot of the American Union Against Militarism

It is indeed a remarkable tribute to the Civil Liberties Bureau that, in the midst of war and its passion, you can find nothing to criticise in the many utterances of the personnel of its governing committee or its specific activities. Your attack is entirely confined to the publication of extracts from magazines of various radical organizations with which you say the Civil Liberties Bureau

It is true that the first publication of the Civil Liberties Bureau stated that the bureau was cooperating with representatives of other organizations, radical and otherwise, which ought to defend the conscientious objector. If our work were to be efficient, it was, of ourse, necessary that we should know the point of view of all the radical organizations from whose ranks would arise conscientious remedy. But the only thing before this countect the lives of hat-check boys and objectors, advocates of free speech and others war time. Even so, the Civil Liberties Bulives of the boys that marched down Fifth sheer sense of convention! Americans and bore no organic relations to any other have sought to impose and which the "North almost entirely German in language. But reau at all times controlled its own policies organization except the American Union Against Militarism.

Members of our committee feel that in a luty than to keep democracy alive at home. that is the sustenance of American industry proudest, roughest edges in a week. From Democracy rests upon discussion, upon those ancient American liberties, freedom of conscience, of the press and of assemblage. As

When men stand for freedom of speech they do not necessarily uphold everything that Only at the risk of his life should any don't forget on the way downtown. There every speaker says. In the struggle for tridoes not follow that you are therefore contend to increase the sacrifices that our nation must now make to render this world "safe" derness of heart—for doubtless hat boys and hat girls are human, and who knows absolutely unable to tote fifty-three pounds also sheer laziness and inertia, we suspect in its struggle to keep in touch with all orthere is one other rather important factor ganizations which are likely to suffer under the growing theory of Prussianism at home. NORMAN M. THOMAS, ROGER N. BALDWIN,

For the Civil Liberties Bureau. New York, Aug. 28, 1917.

Has Price Fixing Failed?

naterials or else we will limit the output." to France by conquest. An output will diminish from the standard now Is it possible that Prussia may have forgot-

so here we have the essence of our wonderdemocracy; controlled by men of money es to profits and more profits.

Mr. Snyder, you are wrong, as time will by France.

and brains on so low a level as to think that they would allow their own sons and neigh-

child's primer written under war conditions? pass through men's souls, effaced the last fied with this avowal of a Prussian funcin Washington when you yourself theorize. RAYMOND C. TATE.

Brooklyn, Aug. 27, 1917.

The Inalienable Right of Disagreement To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The writer of "Suffragists and Pacifists" in to-day's Tribune seems to be both To the Editor of The Tribune. uffrage has been granted in so many states, and the feeling is that it is only a matter of incredible that any one could expect that among the millions of women voters there would be none who advocate peace, none who

which thrusts individuals in at one end and and prepared the ground for the Reformagrinds out a uniform type at the other, like so many neat little sausages. There are many types of women among suffragists, and one of their great privileges is that they may disagree on a dozen important themes, ut they are now and always united in their offorts to establish universal suffrage and to promote the welfare of their sex.

tendencies on account of excessive ablutions, other hand, those who have cast aspersion on promote the welfare of their sex.
OLIVE MURRAY HINKLE.

New York, Aug. 29, 1917.

America From a Distance To the Editor of The Tribune.

tance the purposes of most of the American press in this war seem to be: 1-To discredit war as a means of inter-

in the process all other means except war; 3-To destroy secret diplomacy by establishing it;

New York, Aug. 30, 1917.

The Wish of Alsace-Lorraine

It Was and Is to Remain a Member of the French Nation as an Eternal Right Against All Usurpers

(From the Bulletin of the Alliance Française)

exposed at Stockholm the German majority Socialists expressed themselves in the following manner on the subject of Alsace-

As regards Alsace-Lorraine, we must first of all declare that it cannot be considered as an independent national state or, in any way, as having a distinct nationality. Ethnographically, nine-tents of its inhabitants are of German origin. Only be remarked that Alsace-Lorraine has not changed hands in the course of the war. With the exception of a very small ergion, it has remained under the German domination. Belonging first of all to Germany, ethnographically and politically, the territories of Alsace-Lorraine were, in the course of the ages, separated from Germany by France by means of a forced annexation. At Frankfort, in 1871, they were restored once again to Germany. It is therefore absolutely why men wish to march together, to fight why men wish to march together, to fight to speak of France's historical to speak of Alsace-Lorraine to France would be equiva-of Alsace-Lorraine to France would be equiva-se annexation on the part of the latter na-And it must in consequence be repudiated, mably to the principle of peace without an-

That is the doctrine of official Germany, Germany Gazette" recently took up again with a great display of erudition. It is summed up thus: Alsace-Lorraine is Ger- stand, it is too easily forgotten that the ofwar for democracy there is no more patriotic man by ethnography, by language and by ficial language, that of all cultivated people, history. It was torn from Germany by was French. In the most remote villages force. France has no right to it.

We feel no difficulty in following the far as the Civil Liberties Bureau is con- Germans upon the historical ground. We tory which they deliberately pass over in It is perfectly exact that German invaders

crossed the Rhine fifteen centuries ago and installed themselves in the Gaul of that ed, had to negotiate, there was no longer umph over Germany your own paper has wel-comed the alliance of the minority Socialists extent they may have modified the old subof America with great enthusiasm. But it stratum of Celtic population, Romanized by the conquest. They were never able to impose their language except on a part of the a freely elected assembly at Bordeaux. They country. The town of Metz and its neighborhood have always been Roman in lan- that the fate of the country was going to a convert to anarchy because it stands for guage. It matters little, after all; it is be decided. Never was an election more fifty, who are not worth drafting, who are brigands may show at home!—and beyond the ancient American liberties and is obliged neither the language nor the race which poignant. Like one man, in spite of the

What of the Holy Roman Empire? It is perfectly exact that, after the dislo-

raine and Alsace were finally attached to the Germanic Holy Roman Empire. This the Rhone. Lyons and Marseilles were in-Sir: Mr. Carl Snyder says that "failure of cluded in it, as were Burgundy, the Low price fixing is inevitable because maximum Countries, Switzerland and the greater part output depends on high prices." This is of Italy. Would that be a sufficient argueasy to understand, but the underlying reason ment for annexing these countries to Germust be more forcefully brought before the many to-day? And is it not playing upon people who are giving their dear ones to de- words to confound the Germanic Holy Roman Empire with the present Germany such One plain fact needs first be stated lest as it was constituted in 1871? For where, admires. It is swift, agile and grotesquely we forget in our greed for gain our need for in this aggregate of peoples, was the common tie which forms nations? They were Now let us see just why Mr. Snyder makes disputing in Alsace in the sixteenth century the failure of price fixing inevitable. I upon the question whether the country was.

It is perfectly exact that Alsace and Lor-"Let prices soar on all needed raine almost in their entirety were attached But all modern Lorraine follow Of course this is the same as saying that the states have been given birth by conquest states, "We are trying to put an iron hand ten her own history? They were easy conthroat of the money men and the men quests, moreover, which were made without rith brains," and "If a reasonable price is much resistance, for these countries had of a plebiscite which would, besides, raise on one commodity, as steel or copper or long been open to French influence. Metz practical difficulties which Germany could wheat, immediately capital and enterprise had been in France's possession since 1552, will seek fields where prices are not fixed Alsace since 1648, Strasburg since 1681. The manifested its will in a more clear manduchy of Lorraine, declared independent in 1542 at Nuremberg (liber et non incorporabilis ducatus), became officially French only and prains and with so little patriotism that they immediately withdraw their financial in 1766, at the death of Stanislas Leczinski, German gendarmes, and coming to enroll mes of stress and look forward with greedy be said that for a century, except at short

determined by the marginal de- French Revolution, by the great breath of have the impression that they are camping have nothing whatever to do with the terms mand." Admitted; but may I ask. Was that before and of idealism which it caused to in a hostile country." We may rest satistion of peace, whatever desires they might have

In the programme of peace which they | know," replied our Fustel de Coulanges in 1870 to Mommsen, "do you know what made Alsace French? It was not Louis XIV; it was our Revolution of 1789. Since that time Alsace has followed all our destinies; she has lived our life. All that we thought,

affections, of recollections and of hopes, for the average American cares very little why men wish to march together, to fight cratic or monarchic. We have not gone together, to live and die for each other The country is what we love."

Language Is Not the Country

They tell us, while falsifying the figures he doctrine which the German historians at the same time, that Alsace-Lorraine is in a part of Alsace-Lorraine, patois which the Germans themselves could hardly underthe men who returned from military service and Alsace was always a land of soldiers -all knew French. And once again the lan-

guage is not the country. It is strange that, for the Germans, the history of Alsace-Lorraine should stop at 1870. Has nothing, then, taken place since

In 1871, when France, completely exhaustof the country, had not issued from a regular election. It was necessary to convoke knew quite well in Alsace and in Lorraine German occupation, which hardly facilitated complete understanding, the two provinces voted for those who wanted to continue the cation of the empire of Charlemagne, Lor- rity of the country. At the head of the list. as a sign of gratitude and of hope, they inscribed the name of Gambetta. And when empire stretched much further even toward at Bordeaux, the majority had accepted Germany's hard conditions, one of the electthe west. It went beyond the Meuse and ed representatives, the Alsatian Keller, came forward to read at the tribune the moving deal with it? Her only answer to this world protestation of those who were not willing to cease to be French.

In proof of which we take our fellow citizens of the once, the governments and the peoples of the cole world to witness that we consider in advan-

The signatures of Gambetta and of the other thirty-five representatives of Alsace

A Prussian Avowal

The sentiments of Alsace-Lorraine have ask for Alsace-Lorraine's decision by means ner. Those who, on the morning of August of tricks, in spite of the revolvers of the said: have no doubt as to the feeling of Alsaceintervals, it had been constantly occupied Lorraine. After the war we shall know

Baths and Bathos

Cleanliness and Godliness Touching As a Thief and a Home He Deserves the Views of an Unwashed Doctor

indoor sport.

Woman suffrage is not a huge machine ened the hold of the Church on the masses ful distress if I should meet death. tion. Monastic licentiousness was the basis of many of Balzac's "Droll Stories," of the tales of Boccaccio and the far from white strangely enough perhaps, I notice that none nights of Margaret of Navarre.

> tendencies on account of excessive ablutions, and cites as evidence the allegation that they are interested in sex problem plays and novels and neglect the works of the "Bard of Avon"-the title is his own selection. It would be interesting to know exactly

some of Sir Toby Belch's speeches in "Twelfth Lucrece"? Also, as an evidence of the ten-Restoration in England; in Rome, the epi- one will miss the vagrants. grams of Martial, the writings of Petronius,

that part of them most likely and able to civilized world who would welcome the doc- the dogs. Support a 175 egg hen or grow a enough to realize that a woman who is earn control it an opportunity to meet representatives of that part of our own people from
whom a German majority is most likely to
understand and accept American ideals of
freedom.

WITTER BYNNER.

WITTER BYNNER.

Understand and accept American ideals of
freedom.

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Understand and by the first accept and the first accept and the first accept accept a company to mask their own

As I said, I do not own a dog. I would like
to acquire one that is silent, loving, trusty,
toothless, and which never has mange, fleas,
puppies or an appetite.

KAPPALPHA.

Work will not make them anything else. And

zen in consequence, both in mind and body? New York, Aug. 31, 1917. S.

The Vagrant Canine

To the Editor of The Tribune.

cate woman's suffrage and yet be capable of that we take too many baths and that by not own a dog. But there are plenty of dogs the editorial "Enemies Within." Now that paying too much attention to our bodies we, in the vicinity; they trespass, so I feel that I neglect our souls, with the result that we are help considerably in their upkeep. But I'd more immoral than we were in the dear old like to own a dog. There are even times when man Socialists and they were put into prison. time before all states will give it, it seems days when baths were unknown or were in- I would like to own others' dogs, if only for Bismarck, the most powerful statesman in dulged in merely as a kind of Saturday night a short time, certain evenings. If I had a Germany, also protested, and although he was This was the point of view of the monks but soup and soup bones, ever do any damage. We are all'more or less in the situation of and that there should be found among them in the Middle Ages, and their frightful over have hydrophobia, ever get ugly, and I profligacy in those days undoubtedly weak. suppose my dog would be standing by in tear-Constantinople, famous for its dogs.

boasted few humans who were endeared to one single canine specimen, and few were the specimens worthy of endearment. And, of your correspondents champion this, the This good, but presumably unwashed, doc- homeless dog; and few of those who have the canine character in general have not been libellous toward any special dog. In short, none have defended the vagabond cur. As a vagabond, and therewithal a thief and a home for dangerous micro-organisms, he deserves extinction, Extinction as a vagrant may how much the protagonist of the bathless has mean either adoption as a member of the Sir: To an observer just back from a displant, preferably the latter as more perma-Night," Falstaff's speeches? Has he read nent. Now, I understand from the letters of these dog lovers that they are sincere in of these dog lovers that they are sincere in ational adjustment by ourselves rejecting Measure," "Venus and Adonis," "The Rape of their passion for the creatures; therefore few of these writers and dog lovers will object to 2-To insure and make permanent the dencies of other periods noted for abstinence adopting a few of these stray dogs; many of obesiver, "and you have to pay more attenfrom bathing, there are the comedies of the them will be glad of the suggestion, and no tion to them than you do to men." The As for food conservation, let us trust that should be treated "just like men" is held by

Ovid and the rest. In France we have the we will never have to eat "dog." To guard many, especially by the women themselves works of Rabelais; and as giving an account against such a disaster, we ought to conserve It is an execlient theory, but it does not also 4-To set the world an example of the of the lubricity of the unwashed there are our present food supply. Possibly the maw ways work in practice. fruits of liberty by gagging free speech Zola's "L'Assommoir" and "La Terre." Finally, of the incinerator is for New Yorkers no natural deference to their sex which women almost as timorously as old Russia gagged we might inquire how carefully the doctor better than the maw of the house dog, but cannot easily escape, even in these days, when it; and.

5—To persuade the German people to control their irresponsible government by our selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing to permit representatives of the fact that there are still persons in the selves refusing the fact that there are the fact the fac

West Haven, Conn., Aug. 29, 1917.

Why We Are at War

Real Cause Lies in Future Threat of Mailed Fist

To the Editor of The Tribune,

Sir: Nations as well as individuals are ruled by intangible causes. The feelings that inspire their actions are often far deeper than their speech, and for this rea son their deeds often seem prophetic. Per of the people who fought out our wars the past were aware of the real significance of those wars. We began the Revolutionary War to avoid the payment of an unjust tax We won a separate national ideal,

To find the real cause for our war with Germany one must look to the future, a to the past. We are not at war on account of the wrong

of Belgium or France, nor are we inspire by any sense of sympathy with either Ital or England-though these feelings doubt less help with some people. We are not . whether Japan and South Africa are demwar over the sinking of the Lusitania the work of German plotters in this con try, even though these are sufficient cause for war. Nor have we gone to war because we dislike the Germans themselves. On the contrary, this country is full of respect for the Germany that it has hitherto known-t Germany of science, art, law and stane citizenship

The trouble lies in the fact that Germany has entered upon a course of conduct which is a distinct threat to our own liberty and uture destiny. True, Germany has, doub less, been unaware of any evil intent, but course of action once entered leaves you m longer able to control your destiny. is under the control of the logic of eventaand the end is inevitable. Germany must be beaten, or she must continue as she has be gun even to the end.

Here is her position: She has suffered im mense losses, not least of which are her fo eign commerce, financial connections and her prestige in art and philosophy. Her only means of recouping her losses is her power in arms. Force, however, begets the need for more force. Suppose Germany able make peace to-day upon the basis of ; annexations and no indemnities. She won find a world allied against her-an alliane based upon a mutual feeling of fear an distrust. Belgium, for the sake of self-pro tection, would place her future with France or England. Rumania would unite with Rus sig and Serbig with Greece: and Russia France, England, Italy and would merely, as a matter of precaution, con tinue their present alliance in some other form-and the remainder of the world would share their feelings.

Suppose Germany triumphant in this war. How would she deal with this anti-German feeling of distrust would be bigger armie and navies, maintained by enormous inden nities which the United States would be held ing to pay. The "mailed fist" would be nocking at the door of every government house in the world and every financial inst tution, and back of that fist would be the threat of Belgium and Serbia. The United States will never submit to live under the

shadow of such a threat. The spectre of Germany triumphant her feet-this is the feeling that has called America to arms. She will not put up her

weapons till that spectre is laid to rest J. F. BOYDSTUN Collinsville, Conn., Aug. 24, 1917.

Mr. G. B. Shaw on "Skinning Alive"

The Summer School of the Fabian Society is being held at Prior's Field, Godalming and will continue until September Mr. G. Bernard Shaw was the chief speaker

On the subject "The Comedy of Imperia 1914, saw the young Alsace-Lorrainians Idealism," Mr. Shaw spoke on the war an of the frontier villages escaping by all sorts the proposed conference at Stockholm. He

"I am very doubtful about going to Stockupport of a nation's urgent necessity at who had received it in usufruct, but it may themselves gladly in the service of France holm. I don't quite see what we are going there for. War is a thing which does not enter the Socialist scheme of society. Their Yes, all these countries were conquered, as Lorraine came to fight for us and how conception of society regards war as an obso-Yes, all these countries were conquered, as many have fallen for the revenge of Right. lete barbarism as a method of settling dis-were conquered one by one all the provinces And we shall also know how Germany has putes. Yet here comes the comedy. Some would allow their own sons and neighsons to go forth to battle and then which make up French unity. But what
treated the soldiers of Alsace-Lorraine. Mr. Socialists are imagining that they have some the German historians do not say is that von Jagow said, in 1913, at the time of the thing to do with the war and that they will You say: "A child's primer of economics they accepted the conquest very quickly and scandalous affair of Saverne: "The Ger- have an important part in making the terms will endeaver to make clear that the price willingly gave themselves to France. The man officers in garrison in Alsace-Lorraine of peace. But they will find that they will

"The notion that any number of persons, like Socialists, or pacifists, or anybody else, can come in and say that their feelings must be considered is to me almost inconceivably silly. Who is going to listen to them? At mans had a victory, and they simply took everything they could get. They imposed at enormous indemnity on France, and when it shocked and surprised that you could advo- Sir: A doctor recently made the statement Sir: Inhumane or not, I must say it: I do was paid so quickly they were afterward sorry that they had not made it much larger. Ger many also took the two provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. Protests were made against the annexation of the provinces by the Ger dog, I'm sure no dog would ever eat anything not put into prison he was equally powerless in the matter. You may take it from me that if the Germans beat us in this war they will skin us alive. And if we beat the Germans we shall skin them alive, and we cannot help doing it. No amount of agitation by Socialists, pacifists, or any one else will prevent us taking the fullest measure of our victory. If we are not going to do so, what are we fight-

> "You don't succeed in making an end o war by disliking it. Being in the war, you have got to fight it out. But again, I ask, is it worth while going to Stockholm to t them that? If you have any other thing say to the Germans when you go to Stockholm, what is it?"

Girls Are Girls (From The Philadelphia Public Ledger) A great social truth was enunciated by the

anitor of a New York apartment house, who had lost his job, he explained, by his wife's jealousy of the elevator girls he had employed, and was being sued by her for nonsupport. "Girls are girls," said the shrewd theory that women who go into business

why should we wish that it might?